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The Grey Point Fort ARS will be operating a station during the commemoration of the centenary of WW1 over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of July. There will be Guided tours, and various exhibitions of military vehicles and equipment. The Grey Point ARS have created a WW2 radio museum displaying of over 200 radios and accessories used during WW2 and other conflicts. Information about Grey Point ARS from <http://www.greypointfort.magix.net/public/>

Bangor & District ARS Rally

Bangor and District ARS will hold their Annual Summer Rally on Saturday 5th July 2014. The event will be hosted in the Donaghadee Community Centre, County Down. Doors open at 11.30am. More information from <http://www.bdars.com>

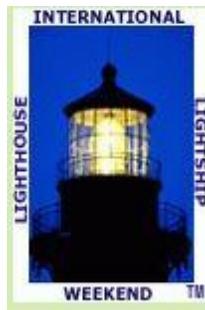
VHF National Field Day

VHF National Field Day takes place on the 5th and 6th of July. There is a choice of Sections in the form of the Open section where operation is on 50, 70, 144, 432 and 1296 MHz or the restricted Section where any single band may be operated.

<http://www.irts.ie/cgi/showrules.cgi?vhf>

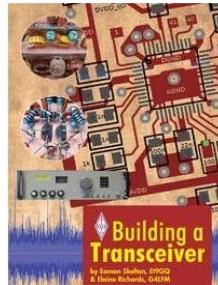


The Islands On The Air (IOTA) Contest takes place on the 26th and 27th of July. Members of Papa Lima DX-Group plus Guest Operators will be active from Great Blasket Island EU-007 for IOTA Contest 2014 as EJ1Y, and from the 26th - 31st of July as EJ0PL. QSLs via EI5JQ (QRZ.com).

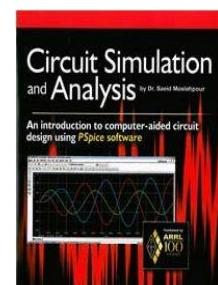


With just ten weeks to go, the number of International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend registrations is nearly 280 coming from 36 countries, putting the premier fun-event ahead of this time last year. The event is NOT a contest. There are no prizes, certificates or other enticements to participate and therefore, participation is free. More information and for registration check: <http://illw.net/>

Hot off the Press.



Written by Eamon Skelton, EI9GQ, "Building a Transceiver" explains and guides the detailed electronic design process and practical constructional techniques necessary to build the transceiver. The book is based on the hugely popular 'Homebrew' column in RadCom. For those who would like to enter into Home Construction, this is the ideal starting point. There are a multitude of hints and tips for producing printed circuit boards, chassis bashing and basic design principles.



Not for the faint hearted or speed reader! The ARRL Circuit Simulation and Analysis book is an introduction to designing and testing simple circuits using PSpice software. It discusses the tools you will need to create simple circuits and understand their behaviour, prior to building them in the real world. From the experienced circuit builder to the beginner, with

a limited background in basic electronics, PSpice can be the essential tool in evaluating circuit performance. Reading further into the book, the explanations are clear and concise and tempt experimentation. An excellent book promoting the concept of Circuit Simulation basics and probably saving time by testing the project before it is actually constructed.

ARE YOU GOING TO KILKENNY???

IRTS 83rd Dinner, AGM & Radio Rally

Hosted By The

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Hotel Kilkenny, College Road,

Kilkenny

On Saturday & Sunday

The 25th & 26th Of April 2015

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2WRC/P from The Promenade Festival in Tramore County Waterford over the weekend of Friday, Saturday & Sunday 4th, 5th & 6th July. A huge variety of exciting attractions & family friendly activities including sand art, street entertainment, a regatta, maritime heritage events, stalls along the prom, performances & light shows have been organised over the course of the weekend. Information: www.searg.com

80 Metres Counties Contest



The 80 metres Counties contest took place on Sunday the 22nd of June with some new stations heard on the band. Conditions were not wonderful on this occasion. There was a minimum of 18 counties heard on the air and a number of strong stations logged. The poor conditions made it possible to test different antennas - NVIS antennas did not perform well when compared to an antenna strung at a greater height during this contest.

Members Advertisements

FOR SALE

1) Yaesu FT-102 (badged as Sommerkamp), FV-102DM external VFO MH-1B8 Mic, power lead, instruction manual, technical supplement (complete version) with parts list.

A few scratches but works.

2) Yaesu FT-102 non working. Band switch problem.

3) Yaesu FT-102 non working. Power supply problem.

€400 (o.n.o) the lot

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Contests

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WA7BNM Contest Calendar : RSGB HF Contests : IRTS VHF Field Day

01 0000z, 24 hours – RAC Canada Day, SSB/CW: send Serial (log district code from VE).
 05 1400z, 24 hours – VHF Field Day: exchange Serials & Locator, work everyone.
 05 1400z, 24 hours – Marconi Memorial HF, CW: exchange Serials, work everyone.
 07 1900z, 90 mins – RSGB 80m, CW: exchange Serials, work UK only.
 12 1200z, 24 hours – IARU HF Championship, SSB/CW: exchange ITU Zone (27).
 16 1900z, 90 mins – RSGB 80m, SSB: exchange Serials, work UK only.
 20 0900z, 3 hours & 1300z, 3 hours – RSGB Low Power 80/40m, CW, Serials & Power.
 26 1200z, 24 hours – IOTA Contest, SSB/CW: Serials & IOTA Ref, work everyone.

**SD by EI5DI – free logging software for IOTA and other CW/SSB contests from
www.ei5di.com**